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1. The Chinese Communists made an attempt to build airfields at Lhasa and Gartok (N 31-45, E 80-22), but the Dalai Lama objected and the work on the airfields was halted.<sup>1</sup>

2. In May 1953 there were about 1,000 Chinese Communist soldiers with five field artillery pieces in the Chumbi Valley, near Phari Dzong (N 27-45, E 89-10). The total number of Chinese troops in Tibet at this time was over twenty thousand, stationed mainly in the Chumbi Valley, at Gartok, at Rudog (N 33-27, E 79-42), and a few miles north of Lhasa, at Yardikorchen. (phonetic).

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